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1. ALTHOUGH NOT AN ACTION ADDRESSEE ON REFTEL, ROCAP WOULD
LIKE TO RESPOND BRIEFLY.

2. CENTRAL AMERICA, SPECIFICALLY THE FIVE COUNTRIES OF THE
CA COMMON MARKET, FREQUENTLY IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AS A
SEPARATE AND DISTINCTIVE SUB-GROUP AMONG THE LDC'S AND,
FURTHERMORE, AS ALSO DISTINCT FROM THE OTHER LA'S. (OF
COURSE, THEY ALSO OFTEN PERCEIVE DIFFERENCES OF INTEREST
AMONG THEMSELVES TO A DEGREE NOT CONDUCTIVE TO ROCAP'S PRINCIPAL
RAISON D'ETRE, NAMELY, CENTRAL AMERICAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION.)

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3. THE SECRETARIAT FOR ECONOMIC INTEGRATION OF CENTRAL AMERICA (SIECA) HAS GENERALLY SHOWN AN INCLINATION "TO ESCHEW CONFRONTATION AND TO LIMIT HORTATROY RESOLUTIONS" (PARA 4 REFTEL). SINCE SIECA PROVIDES SIGNIFICANT TECHNICAL BACKSTOPPING TO THE FIVE CA'S, ROCAP BELIEVES THAT THE APPROACH SET FORTH IN SUB-PARA (B) OF PARA 4 OF REFTEL MIGHT OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PURSUIT OF US AIMS IN THIS CONTEXT, I.E., BY CONSULTING MORE FULLY WITH SIECA ON A LIMITED RANGE OF ISSUES. ALTERNATIVELY, THE U.S. COULD CONSULT MORE FULLY WITH THE FIVE CA'S AS A GROUP (WITH SIECA PARTICIPATION), AS WAS RECENTLY DONE IN THE CASE OF AMBASSADOR WILLIAM EBERLE'S MISSION FOR CONSULTATIONS ON MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. AS HAS ALREADY BEEN RECORDED BY SEVERAL U.S. MISSIONS, THE CA'S WERE DEEPLY AND FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY THIS ATTENTION.

4. OTHER AREAS WHEREIN IT OCCURS TO US THAT CA INTERESTS MAY MORE CLOSELY MESH WITH U.S. INTERESTS AND POTENTIAL THAN MAY BE THE CASE WITH SOME OTHER LDC'S INCLUDE TRANS-NATIONAL ENTERPRISES AND TECHNOLOGICAL TRANSFER. OUR SUGGESTION IS THAT IT COULD BE USEFUL TO BRIEF SIECA ON THESE, AND SELECTED SIMILAR APPROPRIATE TOPICS, PRIOR TO THEIR DISCUSSION IN BROADER MULTI-NATIONAL FORUMS. EVEN ON QUESTIONS SUCH AS BANANAS, IN WHICH SIECA HAS PERFORMED SECRETARIAT, STUDY AND DRAFTING FUNCTIONS FOR THE NASCENT ORGANIZATION OF EXPORTERS (OPEB), CONSULTATIONS WITH SIECA COULD BE PRODUCTIVE, PROVIDED FACTUAL DATA AND SUPPORTABLE RATINALE WERE AVAILABLE TO SUSTAIN THE U.S. POSITION.

5. IN SUMMARY, IN SELECTED TECHNICAL FIELDS, BRIEFINGS TO SIECA (OR TO THE FIVE CA'S, WITH SIECA'S PARTICIPATION) COULD BE CONDUCIVE TO A BETTER PERCEPTION OF THE U.S. POSITION BY THE FIVE CA'S, AND COULD ALSO HELP THE CA'S TO PERCEIVE MORE CLEARLY THE AREAS WHEREIN THEIR INTERESTS DIFFER FROM THOSE OF OTHER LDC'S. TRAGEN.
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